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Mr. Edward L. R. Elson
1764 N Street, N. W.
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Dear Mr. Elson:

Thank you very much for your letter of
8 February informing me of the Annual Presbyterian
Churchmen's Dinner to be held on 20 March.

Much as I would like to join you, I have a
previous engagement on that date and, therefore, I
will be unable to attend. However, your thoughtfulness
in writing to me about this is indeed appreciated and
I am very sorry that I cannot be with you on this
particular occasion.

With my best wishes,

John W. Dulles

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John W. Dulles
Administrator

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February 8, 1961

The Honorable Allen W. Dulles
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Dear Mr. Dulles:

I have been asked by the Moderator of the General Assembly and the Planning Committee to inform you that the Annual Presbyterian Churchmen's Dinner honoring Presbyterians in the national government will be held Monday evening, March 20th, at seven o'clock in the Trinity Presbyterian Church, Sixteenth and N. Inglenwood Streets, Arlington, Virginia.

Mr. Bruce Catton will be the featured speaker on the subject "What the 1860's Have to Say to the 1960's." It is highly fitting during the Centennial of the Civil War that a Presbyterian layman, who is a great historian, should address a united group of churchmen and government leaders on Virginia soil.

Mr. Justice Clark will be Master of Ceremonies. The Moderator will convey an expression of esteem and prayerful support on behalf of the Church.

In a few days you will receive from the Moderator an official invitation to be an honored guest of The United Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A. on this occasion. A reservation card will be enclosed for your convenience. At a later date your ticket and instructions for reaching the Church will be sent to you.

This letter is to inform you in advance of the official invitation and to suggest that you now reserve this evening as inviolable for your Church.

Faithfully yours,



Edward L. R. Elson